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Torrance, California  
January 24, 1952

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING  
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF TORRANCE

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a Special Meeting in the Council Chamber of the City Hall at 6:10 P.M. on Thursday, January 24, 1952, Mayor Haggard presiding.

Those responding to roll call were: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Drale, Spelman and Haggard. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Karlow. Also present were City Manager Stevens and City Attorney Hall.

This being a Special Meeting, the regular order of business was dispensed with and the Mayor announced the meeting had been called for the purpose of considering the Longren Aircraft variance, Case No. 217, and any other business that might come before the Council.

City Clerk Bartlett read a letter from Longren Aircraft Company, dated January 23, 1952, submitting facts in support of their previously granted variance and the elevation change now in question.

Discussion at great length followed, with Mr. Dresser advising the Council he had withheld issuing the building permit until the Planning Commission had reviewed the revised elevation. Mr. Lloyd explained that his only reason for reviewing the matter with the Planning Commission had been to keep them advised of the entire program as this particular variance had created such a controversy when first applied for; and stated that it had been his belief the

matter would have been discussed in executive meeting rather than in open meeting as it actually did not require any Council action. The question of completion within 120 days from the time the variance was granted was raised and City Manager Stevens clarified the question by reading from the Planning Commission record -- that completion would be accomplished 120 days from date of initial construction. Mr. Smith, President of the Planning Commission, stated that insofar as the off-street parking was concerned, the Commission required off-street parking for 40 or 50 cars and was not concerned with which area was used -- north, south, east or west.

The City Clerk read a letter from Mr. Smith reviewing the conditions imposed on Longren Aircraft at the time the variance was granted, to wit:

1. That no burning be permitted on the premises at any time;
2. That off-street parking for company employees, totaling 40 to 50 automobiles, be provided and that such area be hard-surfaced to prevent any excessive dust;
3. That the Date and Elm Avenue frontages be beautified similar to that proposed along the Carson Street frontage;
4. That all machinery be housed within buildings and that the company install such additional sound-proofing as may be necessary to control excessive machine noises;
5. That all improvements be completed within a period of 120 working days from the initial date of construction.

The letter went on to state that these conditions still were a part of the variance, regardless of the minor changes requested and that another public hearing before the Planning Commission seemed unnecessary.

Mr. Hampden Wentworth, of Longren Aircraft, stated the company had purchased another lot and they could now provide off-street parking for approximately 75 automobiles.

Councilman Drale asked when the company intended to take out its building permit and Mr. Wentworth replied "As soon as I can get it". He advised the Council a contract had been signed with the contractor on December 26, 1951 and that the company was already committed to the bank. Councilman Blount asked if the company contemplated any other changes before finishing the building and Mr. Wentworth replied that he could see no reason for any other changes.

Councilman Drale moved to rescind his motion of January 22, 1952, requesting another public hearing before the Planning Commission. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried by the unanimous roll call vote of those present.

Councilman Blount moved the Council concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approve the modified elevation plan as submitted. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

There being no further business, on motion of Councilman Drale, seconded by Councilman Blount and unanimously carried, meeting adjourned at 6:30 P.M.

  
CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

APPROVED:

  
MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE